Amount for obtaining information under RTI

†1110. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various Departments have fixed certain amount to be paid for obtaining information under RTI Act;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said amount is being charged through cash/DD etc.;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the Departments have displayed these amounts on a notice board;

(d) whether it is a fact that general public have to face a number of difficulties and pay commission to the banks for obtaining bank drafts to obtain information under RTI Act; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to create awareness amongst public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) All public authorities under the Central Government have to charge fee from applicants as provided in the Right to Information (Regulation of Fee & Costs) Rules, 2005. The applicants have liberty to pay fee by way of cash or Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque or Indian Postal Order as per their convenience. The Rules have been posted on the website of the Department of Personnel and Training.

(e) With the coming into force of the Right to Information Act, 2005, nation wide publicity was launched to sensitise the public about it.

Exclusion of information under RTI

1111. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to exclude more categories of information from the purview of Right to Information Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi